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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5042

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

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FOL TEL FROM SONGKHLA DATED 3 JUL SENT ACTION BANGKOK BEING
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUB: INDONESIAN CONCERN ABOUT THAI MUSLIM SEPARATISTS

1. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR SOETARTO SIGIT AND TWO AIDES CALLED
ON ME JULY 2 DURING TRIP FROM BANGKOK THROUGH SOUTHERN MUSLIM
PROVINCES. HE SAID JAKARTA INSTRUCTED HIM TO MAKE TOUR AFTER
REPORTS APPEARED IN "SIAM RATH" ALLEGING INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT
IN THAI MUSLIM SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES. SIGIT SAID REPORTS WERE
FALSE, THAT HE HAD SO TOLD THE RTG AND THAT HE WAS NOW
REASSURING LOCAL OFFICIALS ON THE SCENE. AT SAME TIME, SIGIT
WANTED FIRST-HAND APPRECIATION OF PROBLEMS OF MUSLIM
MAJORITY IN THREE SOUTHERN PROVINCES.

2. SIGIT FELT MANY LOCAL RTG OFFICIALS TENDED TO BELITTLE
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SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION. DIFFICULTIES EXIST AND ARE LIKELY TO

INCREASE, BUT GOI WANTS TO AVOID ASEAN MUSLIM NATIONS FROM
BECOMING IMPLICATED. WE AGREED HE AND GOI AMBASSADOR IN KUALA
LUMPUR OUGHT TO COMPARE NOTES ON SITUATION. HE SAID HE MAY
SUGGEST TO JAKARTA THAT INDONESIAN CONSUL IN PENANG BE
ASSIGNED TO COVER SOUTHERN THAILAND INSTEAD OF RELYING ON
REPORTING OUT OF BANGKOK. CASTRODALE UNQUOTE.
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